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Second session

New York, 4-8 April 2011

Provisional agenda

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7. Adoption of the report of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee.

Annotations

The second session of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee for the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries will be convened from 4 to 8 April 2011 at United Nations Headquarters in New York, pursuant to paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 65/171. The Preparatory Committee will undertake substantive preparations for the Conference, including a review of progress in the preparatory process for the Conference and its organization and a comprehensive appraisal of the implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action by the least developed countries and their development partners; identify effective international and domestic policies in the light of the outcome of the appraisal, as well as new and emerging challenges and opportunities and the means to address them; reaffirm the global commitment to addressing the special needs of

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the least developed countries; and mobilize additional international support measures and action in favour of the least developed countries.

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work of the second session of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee

The provisional agenda has been drafted by the Secretariat, in keeping with traditional practice.

Suggestions for the organization of work and a tentative timetable of meetings are contained in the annex to the present document.

3. Substantive preparations for the Conference

The Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee is expected to consider substantive preparations for the Conference.

For the consideration of item 3, the Committee will have before it the following documentation:

(a) Report of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee for the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries on its first session (A/CONF.219/IPC/6);

(b) Summary of outcome documents of pre-conference events;

(c) Report of the Secretary-General: Ten-year appraisal and review of the implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010;

(d) Background documents:

(i) Summaries and synthesis of national reports on the review of the implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010;[1]

(ii) Pre-conference events organized in preparation for the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (issue two);

(iii) *The Least Developed Countries Report, 2010* (UNCTAD/LDC/2010).

4. Approval of the draft outcome document for submission to the Conference

As agreed at the first session of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee, negotiations on the outcome of the Conference will be held between the first and second sessions, with the aim of making progress towards a draft outcome document. That document will be further negotiated at the second session of the

[1] National reports were submitted by Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kiribati, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Sudan, Togo, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Yemen and Zambia (also available at www.un.org/wcm/content/site/ldc/lang/en/pid/11422).

Committee, with the aim of submitting the draft outcome document to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries for adoption.

For the consideration of item 4, the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee will have before it the draft outcome document.

5. Organizational preparations for the Conference

(a) Approval of the draft provisional agenda of the Conference

For the consideration of this item, the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee will have before it the draft provisional agenda of the Fourth United Nations Conference on Least Developed Countries;

(b) Approval of the draft provisional rules of procedure for the Conference

For the consideration of this item, the Preparatory Committee will have before it the draft provisional rules of procedure.

6. Other matters

7. Adoption of the report of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee

The report of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee on its second session, as well as its report on its final session, will be submitted to the Conference.

Annex

Proposed organization of the work of the second session

Date/time	*Agenda item*	*Programme*
Monday, 4 April		*First plenary meeting (Opening of the meeting)*
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	1	Opening of the session by the Chair
		Statement by the Secretary-General of the Conference, Mr. Cheick Sidi Diarra
	2	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
	3	Substantive preparations for the Conference
		Presentation by the Secretary-General of the Conference
		Other presentations
		General debate
		First informal meeting
3-6 p.m.		Informal consultations on the draft outcome document
Tuesday, 5 April		*Second and third informal meetings*
10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.		Informal consultations on the draft outcome document
Wednesday, 6 April		Fourth and fifth informal meetings
10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.		Informal consultations on the draft outcome document
Thursday, 7 April		*Sixth and seventh informal meetings*
10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.		Informal consultations on the draft outcome document
Friday, 8 April		*Second plenary meeting*
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	4	Approval of the draft outcome document for submission to the Conference
	5	Organizational preparations for the Conference
		(a) Approval of the draft provisional agenda of the Conference
		(b) Approval of the draft provisional rules of procedure for the Conference
		Third plenary meeting
3-6 p.m.	6	Other matters
	7	Adoption of the report of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee

Date/time	*Agenda item*	*Programme*
		Concluding remarks by the Secretary-General of the Conference
		Closure of the second session of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee